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**Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.**

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<b>Office Action Summary</b>	<b>Application No.</b>	<b>Applicant(s)</b>	
	10/550,278	NISHIZAWA ET AL.	
	<b>Examiner</b>	<b>Art Unit</b>	
	SARAH K. SALERNO	2814	

-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address --

#### Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) OR THIRTY (30) DAYS, WHICHEVER IS LONGER, FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133). Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

#### Status

1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on 14 October 2008.

2a) This action is **FINAL**.                            2b) This action is non-final.

3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

#### Disposition of Claims

4) Claim(s) 2,3 and 6-8 is/are pending in the application.

4a) Of the above claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are withdrawn from consideration.

5) Claim(s) 2,3,6 and 7 is/are allowed.

6) Claim(s) 8 is/are rejected.

7) Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are objected to.

8) Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

#### Application Papers

9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.

10) The drawing(s) filed on \_\_\_\_\_ is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.

Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).

Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).

11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

#### Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).

a) All    b) Some \* c) None of:

- Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
- Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.
- Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

\* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

#### Attachment(s)

1) Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)

2) Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)

3) Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/SB/08)  
Paper No(s)/Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_.

4) Interview Summary (PTO-413)  
Paper No(s)/Mail Date. \_\_\_\_\_.

5) Notice of Informal Patent Application

6) Other: \_\_\_\_\_.

## DETAILED ACTION

1. Applicant's amendment/arguments filed on 10/14/08 as being acknowledged and entered. By this amendment claims 1, 4, and 5 are canceled, no new claims have been added, claims 2-3 and 6-8 are pending and no claims are withdrawn.

### ***Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102***

2. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

3. Claim 8 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Nishizawa et al. (US PGPub 2001/0009505).

Claim 8: Nishizawa teaches a semiconductor device which comprises external interface terminals and processing circuits, and which is fed with an operating power source when detachably set in a host equipment, wherein: said external interface terminals are arranged in two rows in a direction crossing an extraction direction, and they include power source feeding terminals, an extraction detecting terminal, and other terminals; and said power source feeding terminals have lengths so as to extend from the first row over to the second row (FIG. 3a, [0107]).

***Allowable Subject Matter***

4. Claims 2& 6 are allowable over the prior art because the prior art does not show power source feeding terminals made longer in both the extraction direction and the direction opposite the extraction direction than the extraction detecting terminal, the length of the power source feeding terminal protruding on the opposite side to the extraction direction, beyond said extraction detecting terminal being smaller in length than the length of the power source feeding terminal protruding on the extraction direction.

Claims 3 & 7 are allowable over the prior art because the prior art does not teach power source feeding terminals touches the corresponding terminal of the host equipment at two points along the extraction direction.

***Response to Arguments***

5. Applicant's arguments filed 10/14/08 have been fully considered but they are not persuasive. Applicant argues that Nishizawa et al. (US PGPub 2001/0009505) does not teach "said power source feeding terminals have lengths so as to extend from the first row over to the second row". Applicant's arguments are not persuasive because Nishizawa's figure 3a shows the power source feeding terminals with lengths that extend from the first row over to the second row. This claim limitation does not require the length of the power source feeding terminal to extend from the first row over to the second row so as to be longer than the other terminals in the first row as shown in applicant's figures 7-8

***Conclusion***

6. **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL.** Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire THREE MONTHS from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within TWO MONTHS of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the THREE-MONTH shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the mailing date of this final action.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to SARAH K. SALERNO whose telephone number is (571)270-1266. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F 8:00-4:00pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Wael Fahmy can be reached on (571) 272-1705. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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